

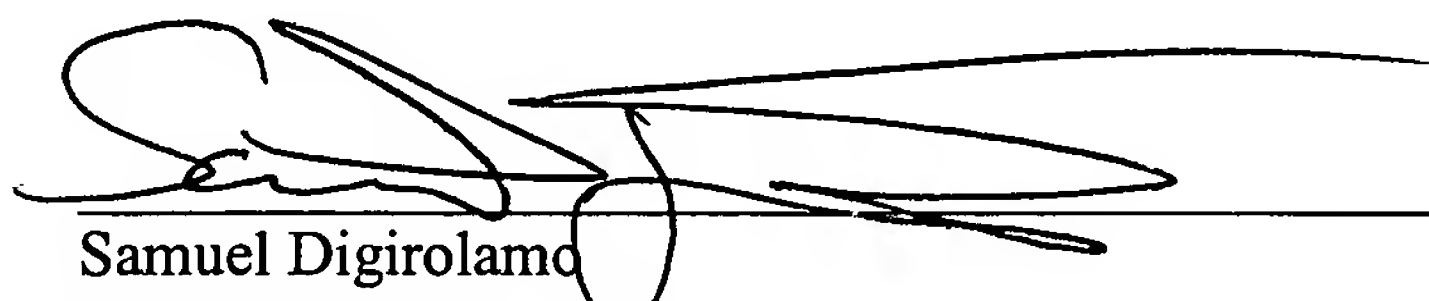
**REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2005, Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 5, 10 and 18 and has amended claims 3, 4, 6-9 to depend, either directly or indirectly, upon allowed claim 43, and Applicant has further amended claims 11-17 and 19-25 to depend, either directly or indirectly, upon allowed claim 44. Claims 26-44 have already been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. As a result, all claims presently pending in the application, namely, claims 3, 4, 6-9, 11-17, 19-44 are in allowable condition and contain limitations and restrictions which patentably distinguish them over the cited prior art.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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